

# **MOURNING DOVE**

The 2008 mourning dove season was open 1 September -30 October statewide. The daily limit was 15 birds, possession 30. To hunt doves, residents were required to hold a small game, 1-day small game, adult or junior combination, or youth small game license; nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident small game, nonresident youth small game, or nonresident shooting preserve license. All hunters were also required to purchase a Migratory Bird Certificate.

In 2008, 32,317 resident and 104,899 nonresident licenses were issued to hunt doves. Approximately 15% of the resident migratory bird hunters and 8% of nonresident small game hunters were surveyed for the mourning dove season. Survey response rates were 69% for residents and 71% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting doves, there were an estimated 7,719 active dove hunters.

A projected total of 132,152 doves were harvested during the 2008 season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least, 7 being most satisfied), resident dove hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.01, nonresidents 6.00.

Summary comparison of the 2000 - 2008 mourning dove seasons

<b>Year</b>	<b>Resident Hunters</b>					<b>Nonresident Hunters</b>				
	<b>Number Hunters</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Ave Day Hunted</b>	<b>Ave Bag</b>	<b>Satisfaction</b>	<b>Number Hunters</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Ave Day Hunted</b>	<b>Ave Bag</b>	<b>Satisfaction</b>
2000	11,881	191,759	5.16	16.14	4.51	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	11,990	198,195	4.75	16.53	4.66	231	2,804	1.00	12.14	4.50
2002	10,599	193,114	4.49	18.22	4.72	536	8,876	2.81	16.56	5.75
2003	12,060	225,522	4.79	18.70	4.84	452	9,415	3.50	20.83	6.58
2004	10,240	174,899	4.48	17.08	4.26	339	6,366	3.89	18.78	4.86
2005	9,568	159,690	4.48	16.69	4.60	344	3,268	4.25	9.50	5.87
2006	8,919	150,820	4.13	16.91	4.96	134	1,723	3.57	12.86	6.57
2007	7,722	125,174	4.19	16.21	4.98	439	10,694	3.86	24.36	5.79
2008	7,346	125,102	4.39	17.03	5.01	373	7,050	3.40	18.90	6.00



## **MOURNING DOVE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2008**

Last Revised: 12 May 2009

	Resident	Non Residents
<b>Licenses Sold *</b>	32,317	104,899
<b>Projected ACTIVE MOURNING DOVE HUNTERS</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>373</b>
Number Sampled by Survey	3,714	7,713
Number Responded to Survey	2,578	5,482
Responded and Participated in Season	586	20
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	<b>1,992</b>	<b>5,462</b>
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	<b>69.4%</b>	<b>71.1%</b>
No. Hunters Reporting Dove Days	586	20
Total Reported Dove Hunted Days	2,573	68
<b>Average Days Hunted Doves</b>	<b>4.39</b>	<b>3.40</b>
Total Reported Doves Bagged	9,982	378
<b>Average Dove Bag for Season</b>	<b>17.03</b>	<b>18.90</b>
<b>Projected Days Dove Hunting</b>	<b>32,249</b>	<b>1,268</b>
<b>Projected No. Dove Hunters</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>Projected Dove Bag</b>	<b>125,102</b>	<b>7,050</b>
<b>Avg Days Hunted</b>		<b>4.34</b>
<b>TOTAL DOVE HARVEST =</b>		<b>132,152</b>
<b>Dove Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*</b>	5.01	6.00

\* Nonresident number represents total number of small game licenses sold.

\*1\* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied.

### **STATEWIDE MOURNING DOVE HARVEST, 1968-2008**

